

Sahih Muslim Hadith (Hadith 2)

Anas ibn Malik

We were forbidden to ask anything (without genuine need) from the Holy Prophet. It therefore pleased us that an intelligent person from the dwellers of the desert should come and ask him (the Holy Prophet) and we should listen to it. A man from the dwellers of the desert came (to the Holy Prophet) and said: Muhammad, your messenger came to us and told us your assertion that verily Allah had sent you (as a prophet). He (the Holy Prophet) remarked: He told the truth. He (the Bedouin) said: Who created Heaven? He (the Holy Prophet) replied: Allah. He (the Bedouin again) said: Who created Earth? He (the Holy Prophet) replied: Allah. He (the Bedouin again) said: Who raised these mountains and who created in them whatever is created there? He (the Holy Prophet) replied: Allah. Upon this he (the Bedouin) remarked: By Him Who created Heaven and created Earth and raised mountains thereupon, has Allah (in fact) sent you? He (the Holy Prophet) said: Yes. He (the Bedouin) said: Your messenger also told us that five prayers (had been made) obligatory for us during the day and the night. He (the Holy Prophet) remarked: He told you the truth. He (the Bedouin) said: By Him Who sent you, is it Allah Who ordered you about this (i.e. prayers)? He (the Holy Prophet) said: Yes. He (the Bedouin) said: Your messenger told us that Zakat had been made obligatory on our riches. He (the Holy Prophet) said: He has told the truth. He (the Bedouin) said: By Him Who sent you (as a prophet), is it Allah Who ordered you about it (Zakat)? He (the Prophet) said: Yes. He (the Bedouin) said: Your messenger told us that it had been made obligatory for us to fast every year during the month of Ramadan. He (the Holy Prophet) said: He has told the truth. He (the Bedouin) said: By Him Who sent you (as a prophet), is it Allah Who ordered you about it (the fasts of Ramadan)? He (the Holy Prophet) said: Yes. He (the Bedouin) said: Your messenger also told us that a pilgrimage (Hajj) to the House (of Ka'bah) had been made obligatory for him who was able to undertake the journey to it. He (the Holy Prophet) said: Yes. The narrator said that he (the Bedouin) set off (at the conclusion of this answer, but at the time of his departure) remarked: By Him Who sent you with the Truth, I should neither make any addition to them nor should I remove anything from them. Upon this the Holy Prophet remarked: If he were true (to what he said) he must enter Paradise.

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